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Australia's unemployment rate decreased 0.2 percentage points to 5.1 per cent in August

The Australian unemployment rate decreased 0.2 percentage points to 5.1 per cent (seasonally adjusted) in August, the Australian Bureau of Statistics announced today.

The ABS reported the number of people employed, increased by 30,900 people to 11.272 million(seasonally adjusted) in August. The rise in employment was driven by an increase in full-time employment, up 53,100 people to 7.920 million, that was partially offset by a decrease in part-time employment, down 22,100 people to 3.352 million.

The number of people unemployed decreased by 22,500 people to 607,700 in August, reported the ABS.

The ABS seasonally adjusted monthly aggregate hours worked series showed a rise in August, up 14.8 million hours to 1,594.1 million hours.

The ABS reported the participation rate in August decreased 0.1 percentage point to 65.4 per cent.

More details are available in the August 2010 release of *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0) available for free download from the ABS website <www.abs.gov.au>

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